Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CARACA 05338 101741Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 SSO-00 INRE-00
/052 W
----------025430 101748Z /40
O 101715Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS
TO SECSTATE WASHD NIACT IMMEDIATE 2624
USICA WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE
INFO NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CARACAS 5338

USICA FOR AR
NSC FOR PASTOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR VE US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ PROTESTS REPORT OF US BRIEFING
PAPERS RE VENEZUELAN ELECTION

REF: STATE 5335

1. MAJOR CARACAS DAILY, EL NACIONAL, ON JUNE 10 FRONT PAGED MOST OF UPI STORY SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL. THE HEADLINE WAS "WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THAT AD IS VULNERABLE IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS" WITH THESUB-HEADLINE "UE TO MISMANAGEMENT OF PETROLEUM INCOME, INFLATION AND CORRUPTION." A SECOND SUB-HEADLINE QUOTES DIRECTLY FROMTHE BRIEFING PAPER MENTIONED IN THE UPI STORY, "THERE IS AT LEAST AN EVEN CHANCE THAT (AD) WILL BE TURNED OUT OF POWER BY COPEI." DIRECTLY UNDER THAT STORY THERE IS A STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE "US AMBASSADOR WILL ISSUE A CLARIFICA-TION TODAY (JUNE 10." THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS ALSO QUOTED AS POINTING OUT THE COINCIDENCE THAT VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CARACA 05338 101741Z

HAVE ATTACKED VENEZUELA DURING THE LAST WEEK.

2. IN AN INSIDE STORY, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT BEFORE REACHING ANY CONCLUSIONS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMPARE THE BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER WITH THE INFORMATION CONTINED IN THE UPI STORY. HE THEN GOES ON TO SUGGEST THAT UPI STORY

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

MAY BE CLOSELY TIED TO OTHER SOTRIES WHICH IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR IN US NEWSPAPERS DENIGRATING VENEZUELA AND ITS GOVERNMENT. HE ADDS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAY BE A WELL-ORCHESTRATED ANTI-VENEZUELA CAMPAIGN WHICH IS USING THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICES TO SERVE PARTISAN POLITICAL INTEREST DURING AN ELECTION YEAR IN VENEZUELA.

3. COMMENT: THE INTERIOR MINISTER'S COMMENTS PARALLEL COMMENT MADE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE AMBASSADOR THE EVENING OF JUNE 9 CONCERNING A POSSIBLE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN TIED TO THE ELECTIONS. ALSO, AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL, THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOV WANTED CLARIFICATION OF THE STORY.

4. MEDIA INTEREST IN THE UPI STORY ON JUNE 10 HAS BEEN INTENSE AND THE EMBASSY HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS SEEN THE UPI REPORT THAT ALLEGEDLY DESCRIBES CERTAIN BRIEFING PAPERS COMMENTING ON VENEZUELAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES ABSOLUTELY NO POSITION REGARDING THE FORTHCOMING VENEZUELAN ELECTIONS. THE POINTS OF VIEW DESCRIBED IN THE NEWS REPORT DO NOT IN ANY WAY REFLECT THE POSITION OR THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

GOVERNMENT."
VAKY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, CORRUPTION, BRIEFING MATERIALS, ALLEGATIONS, ELECTIONS, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978CARACA05338
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780243-0666
Format: TEL
From: CARACAS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780673/aaaackxd.tel
Line Count: 96
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9db2bf8b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 5335
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2406119
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT PEREZ PROTESTS REPORT OF US BRIEFING PAPERS RE VENEZUELAN ELECTION
TAGS: PEPR, SOPN, PINT, VE, US
To: STATE ICA
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9db2bf8b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014